

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0269\_11**

**Senator Cameron asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 71.**

**Question**

**INVESTIGATION FOR SHAM CONTRACTING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Senator CAMERON—Have you considered doing a survey in relation to sham contracting in the Northern Territory?

Mr Loizides—Can you clarify that?

Senator CAMERON—You have been involved in surveys on sham contracting elsewhere. Have you given any consideration to conducting surveys on the incidence of sham contracting in the Northern Territory?

Mr Loizides—No, not in that broad sense.

Senator CAMERON—I will ask you to take this on notice. Given the reports of the widespread sham contracting, why have you not given any thought to that and whether you would consider conducting such an investigation? Mr Loizides—I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.

The Fair Work Ombudsman used surveys as a mechanism for gathering information during its recent inquiries into sham contracting in the Northern Territory. These inquiries included examining the arrangements between twelve companies and twenty eight independent contractors.